--- 1/2 Pound - Red - “Series of 1897” - 315 x 20 mm. ---

--- Recess printed by *hand press* on *vertical mesh* wove - *without control numbers* - scanned at 50% scale ---

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/2 pound red strip as follows:

RP-687 - 1/2 pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 320 x 20 mm, with 4½ mm. blue controls

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

These 315 mm *control-free* strips were printed by *hand press* on *vertical mesh* wove paper

RP-687n - 1/2 pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering
a top copy from Plate No. 3 - two copies - 315 x 20 mm

RP-687n - 1/2 pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering
Stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** in violet ink - 315 x 20 mm

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--- 1/2 Pound - Red - “Series of 1897” - 321 x 20 mm. ---

--- Recess printed by *rotary press* on *horizontal mesh* wove - 4½ mm. *blue controls* - scanned at 50% scale ---

--- RP-687 - *coarse roulette* - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/2 pound red strip as follows:

RP-687 - 1/2 pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 320 x 20 mm, with 4½ mm. blue controls

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RP-687 - 1/2 pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, control numbers **273911-12**,
A top pair from Plate No. 4 - the collection also contains a single, plus pane of three - 321 x 20 mm

273544★	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273613-15★	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273661	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273693	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273694	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273695	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273801★	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273804	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273808	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273820 ★	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273823	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273837	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273844	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273854★	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273911-12★	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove - from Plate No. 4
273918	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove
273995	RP-687	1/2 pound, red, coarse roulette, on *horizontal mesh* wove

These are all remainder strips, often seen on eBay.

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